



WADDELL NEWS



Michael Moynihan, Principal

September 2014

Principal's Message

The beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. This is my 13th year in education and my 2nd year at Waddell. Each new beginning is memorable for students, families and faculty. On behalf of the entire Waddell family, I want to welcome all our new and returning families to our positive learning environment. Please keep in mind that your child will be most successful when excellent home/school communication takes place. It is critical that parents and teachers work together to empower children and give them the confidence to follow their dreams.

We will have our **Open House on Thursday, September 11th** from 6:30-7:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity for you to become acquainted with your child's teacher. It allows for the important home/school connection to take place as teachers can share their expectations for the school year. Your child can also introduce you to the Art, Music, PE, Library Media Specialist and other special program teachers. Before the open house begins, we will pay tribute to the 9-11-01 victims and the PTA will be having their famous Hot Dog Dinner starting at 5:30pm. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance. You can visit the PTA website for more information. I know this event will be a sellout, just like last year, because our families are so very supportive.

The Manchester School District is making changes and adjustments to the curriculum. This year our teachers will fully implement Writer's Workshop, which is a method of writing instruction developed by Lucy Calkins and educators involved in the Reading and Writing Project at [Columbia University](#) in [New York City, New York](#). (Calkins, L (2006). *A Guide to The Writing Workshop, Grades 3-5*. Portsmouth, NH: First Hand). Writing Workshop is designed for use in all [grade levels](#). Each grade level has specific units of study tailored to meet developmental and curricular needs. Students have a large amount of choice in their topic and style of writing. The teacher acts as a mentor author, modeling writing techniques and conferring with students as they move through the writing process. Direct writing instruction takes place in the form of a mini-lesson at the beginning of each workshop and is followed by a minimum of 45 minutes of active writing time. Each workshop ends with a sharing of student work. This year, our staff will be doing research on the Reader's Workshop Model, which will be fully implemented for the 2015-2016 school year.

Please stop by or call the office if you ever need to speak with me. Always keep in mind that I am here to help. I look forward to seeing all of the families at PTA events, Open House, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and other school events.

I look forward to starting this year and seeing your children grow academically and socially.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Secretary

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Mrs. Carol Walker
Nurse

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Social Worker

860-647-5697 (ext 73398)

Cafeteria
(860) 647-3396

**Attendance and
Weather Hot Line**
(860) 647-3399

September Date Book

Sept 3	Boy Scout presentation
Sept 9	1 st PTA Meeting ~ 6:30 pm – Library
Sept 11	PTA Annual Hot Dog Dinner – 5:30 pm Open House ~ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Sept 15	PTA – Kidstuff Coupon Book Fundraiser Begins
Sept 17	½ day of school ~ Dismissal at 1:17 pm ~ lunch served
Sept 19	PTA – School Store (at Lunch) PTA – Project Playground – Hat Day
Sept 26	Dental Bus visits
Sept 29	UConn visits gr K Dental Bus visits

Welcome Back !





Nurse's Corner

- ◆ Reminder Parents / Guardians sick children **must** be kept home until they are 24 hours without symptoms of illness before returning
(ex: fever, vomiting or diarrhea)
- ◆ Please remember to **call your child out if they are ill**. Please **be specific** with the reason for absence. (ex: John Smith will be out because he has a fever and coughing)

Library News



- WELCOME to our new Library Para Mrs. Courtney.
- Ms. Schiavetti & Mrs. Courtney look forward to working with your children this year in the Media Center.
- Parents ~ Please help your students and remind them to return their library books every week.
- The Library Book Exchange Schedule is on Waddell's website under Media Center.

Please feel free to contact us 860-647-5697 (x73397)

PTA Updates

Annual Hot Dog Dinner
September 11th

5:30 pm
(before Open House)



Cost \$1.00 per ticket

Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance!

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Fundraiser Sept 15th – 23th
(Our proceeds benefit all the PTA events including a \$10 per child donations for field trips)

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**Please join us at our
Next Meeting
Sept 9th ~ 6:30 pm ~ Library**

Student Attendance



To report
an Absence
Call
647-3399

Clearly say your name,
your child's name, the
teacher's name and the
reason for the absence.

Board of Ed Policy

Excused absences are illness,
death in the family, medical
appointment or religious
obligations. Vacations are
not excused absences.

Notes from Physical Education

Welcome Back to All!

We are going to be ...

**Bringing
Everybody's
Strengths
Together**



This year in Physical Education

CT Physical Fitness Testing
Grades 4 & 5 begin in September

Cross Country Challenge will be in
October! Get ready to run!

Come and support Waddell School

PTA Project Playground FUNRUN

Saturday, October 4th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
At Waddell School
(if Rain: Waddell Gym)

<http://waddell.myfunrun.com>

Help raise funds for our
playground in a healthy way!



Any questions
contact
Autumn Struk
860-209-434

School Hours

Doors open ~ 8:55 am
Dismissal ~ 3:25 pm

There is **NO** Supervision
before 8:45 am
after 3:30 pm

We ask that you
do not
accompany your
child to class, please drop them
off at the door.



**All visitor's must register at
the office.**

Breakfast / Lunch

Student Breakfast is
8:40 am – 8:55 am
Cost is \$1.00

**Students enter
the back
playground door**



Student Lunch is \$1.95
(Meal choices are: Hot Lunch,
Chef Salad, Deli Sandwich or a
Yogurt Bagel Plate)

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